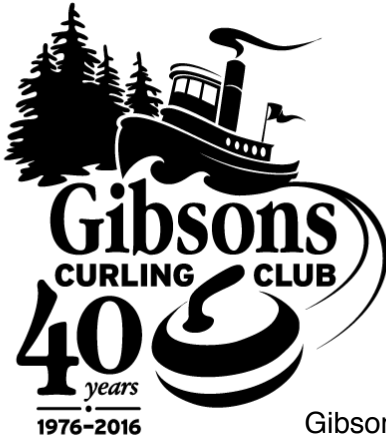


Recent Happenings



Calendar Update



Volunteer Opportunity



A Short History Of the Gibsons Curling Club



40 Years Old and Still Rocking!

Gibsons Curling Club opened its doors on October 1st this year, to celebrate the 40th year of operation on the Sunshine Coast. The day featured tours of the facility, curling lessons for non-curlers and a birthday cake. The club recently replaced its old ice making machinery with a brand new ice plant and representatives of the donor organizations were on hand to cut the cake and celebrate this important milestone. **Pamela Goldsmith-Jones**, Member of Parliament for West Vancouver, Sunshine Coast and Sea to Sky Country attended to represent Minister Navdeep Bains and the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program which awarded GCC a grant of \$50,000. Representatives of the Sunshine Coast Community Forest also attended the event; **Glen Bonderud**, SCCF Chair along with **Bob D'Arcy**, SCCF Legacy Fund Assessment Committee Chair and **Alice Lutes**, District of Sechelt Councillor presented GCC President, Kate Barratt with a cheque for \$30,000. **Mayor Wayne Rowe** attended to represent the Town of Gibsons who have donated \$5000 to the project. **Sarah Duro**, Manager of the Gibsons Branch of the Sunshine Coast Credit Union attended as well, representing the SCCU Community Enrichment Committee who donated \$3000. GCC member, **Bob Johnston**, SCCF donor, attended to represent the Sunshine Coast Community Foundation who have given the club \$2000. The club also received \$50,000 from an anonymous donor toward the project. All grants total \$140,000 which is almost 80% of the total cost of the project. Kate Barratt welcomed and thanked the special guests for their support, noting it is very gratifying to have the contribution of the curling club, recognized by these organizations.

Who's Who of Ice Plant Grant Donors

- *Gov't of Canada Infrastructure Program (\$50,000)*
- *Sunshine Coast Community Forest Legacy Fund (\$30,000)*
- *Anonymous donor (\$50,000)*
- *Town of Gibsons (\$5,000)*
- *Sunshine Coast Credit Union Community Enrichment Committee (\$3,000)*
- *Sunshine Cost Community Foundation (\$2,000)*

The new ice plant is the first step in a renewal of the club, ensuring that it can provide a venue for curling for another 40 years. The plant was built and installed by Accent Refrigeration Ltd of Victoria, BC, supported by Darren Kopeck of Solution Based Contracting along with help from Olson Electric, Code Plumbing and Gas Fitting, and Gibsons Building Supply. Kate and the Board of GCC wish to acknowledge the many GCC volunteers who worked throughout the summer, raising funds through the summer flea markets, painting and refreshing the lounges and bar areas and assisting with the construction work for the new ice plant, this project could not have been accomplished without their help. For more photos from the event, please visit our Flickr site: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/94029634@N03/sets/>



Recent Happenings

October Small Business Celebration

The Gibsons Chamber of Commerce hosted a 'Small Business Celebration', at GCC on Oct. 22; over 50 Gibsons & District

businesses attended. Chamber members were given an update on the new Sunshine Coast Regional Economic Development Organization, by keynote speaker Shelley McDade who is the Chair of this newly formed group. This presentation helped the business owners to understand just what the SCREDO is going to "Do for Them" and how it will impact the Sunshine Coast business community. Next up is a joint Rotary Club of Gibsons and the Gibsons & District Chamber of Commerce Christmas Dinner with the Gibsons Food Bank / Elves Club as benefactors.



Intermediate Clinic

The Club hosted an **Intermediate Curling Clinic** on Sunday, October 23rd. A total of sixteen club members participated. Brad Burton was brought in to coach players. He has been a

certified level 2 coach since 1979. He is a former Curl BC course conductor.. Most recently, he coached the BC Wheelchair Curlers to win the 2015 Canadian Wheelchair Championship. Brad curls out of the Vancouver Curling Club. The session began with a quick review of the recommended delivery of a rock, then continued with some practice drills in which players could practice technique. The afternoon focused on strategy of game play, complete with video analysis.

Registration Update

To date, it looks like membership numbers will be similar to last year. We anticipate however, that numbers will increase after the Christmas break. Last year we had 180 members, and we are looking forward to exceeding this number this year. Leagues are as follows:

Monday: Competitive (6 teams)
 Wednesday: Mixed (9 teams)
 Thursday: Mens (8 teams)
 Friday: Fun League (8 teams)
 Daytime: Mixed League (10 teams)

Learn to Curl

Our Ice Maker, Peter Beynon, is hosting L2Curl sessions on Tuesday evenings, from 6:30 to 9:00 P.M. Several new club members have been taking advantage of these sessions, focusing on 'the basics' (balance) and 'hitting the broom'! If you are interested, you are more than welcome to attend. Sessions are free for GCC members and \$10/session for non-members. Just show up!



Here our ice maker, Peter Beynon, is in 'coaching mode'. Obviously, some folks take the instruction more seriously than others!

Special Olympics

A Special Olympics mini-Bonspiel was held November 5th. Teams from as far away as Powell River and Langley participated in this event. Everyone had a wonderful time and the visitors were thrilled to receive Gibsons Curling Club pins.



Langley and Gibsons Curling Club



Powell River and Gibsons Curling Club



- Nov. 22nd** – Curling Board Meeting: 7:00 P.M. at the Club
- Nov. 23rd** – After Hours Event: 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. A GCC sponsored event for local businesses to come in and see what the Curling Club can offer them.
- Nov. 27th** – Club Funspiel and Grey Cup Party: 10:00 - 9:00 P.M.
- Dec. 3rd** – Elves Club Party: 6:00 – 12:00 A.M.
- Dec. 4th** – Gibsons Paddle Club Curling/Christmas Party: 4:00 – 9:00 P.M.
- Dec. 10th** – Dr. Bland Dental Grp Curling: 4:00–6:00 P.M.
- Dec. 19th** – League Play ends
- Jan. 3rd** – League Play resumes
- Jan. 20-22nd** – Men’s Bonspiel (weekend)
- Mar. 6th-8th** – Masters’ Bonspiel: 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
- Mar. 24th** – Friday Fun League ends
- Mar. 27th** – League Play ends
- Mar. 31st** – GCC AGM: 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.



Volunteer Opportunity

Tommy Blouin-Pare lives in Sumac Place in Gibsons. Sumac Place houses adults with complex mental illness who are stable and require specialized rehabilitation services as they continue on their recovery journey. Tommy comes from Montreal and speaks both French and English. Tommy volunteers every Tuesday at our club; he makes the coffee for the Mixed Day League and he also does the recycling and bottle returns.

We are looking for someone to work with Tommy on the recycling/ bottle returns. We need someone who can drive Tommy to the recycling depot and the liquor store. If you think that you could devote an hour each Tuesday, please contact Kate Barratt.



We are sad to announce that former GCC President, Bill Wallace, passed away recently. Harry Turner, a founding member and Past President of GCC, remembers Bill as a good curler and a very generous man. Harry recalled that Bill came from Regina, SK. Bill was an accomplished woodworker, his work so admired that he was invited to work on the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Chinese Classical Garden in Vancouver. During his time as President of GCC (1992-1994), Bill was responsible for replacing the motor and compressor for the ice plant. Bill was a member of the United Church here on the coast. Bill will be fondly remembered and missed by the members of Gibsons Curling Club.



And the winner is...

This year, the Club Executive decided to offer the chance to win a person's league fees to anyone who paid their league dues by November. This incentive replaced the \$10 discount offered in previous years, for paying with cash or cheque. The idea in principle, has been very well received by members. We are pleased to report that almost all fees have been paid by the November 1st, an improvement over previous years. This year's winner is:

Mike Staiger.

Club Mission and Values...

The Club's constitution states its purpose is for the recreation of the sport of curling and to promote curling in all its forms. The club was built by and for the Gibsons Community and was intended to be open to all and never to be an exclusive organization.

Over the four decades that the GCC has operated the club has provided programs and clinics for beginners, intermediates, students and the Special Olympics. It has hosted curlers from countries around the world in various bonspiels and special events. The Club continues to be a favourite venue for local business to hold annual special events and to introduce their staff to curling.

The Gibsons community is forever indebted to the hundreds of visionaries, donors and volunteers who have contributed their time and money towards this project since its inception in 1973. Volunteers continue to be the backbone of the Club which exemplifies the adage, "Many hands make light work."

And now for something completely different...

Curling Quiz

1. Where was the birthplace of curling?
 - a) England b) Ireland c) Scotland d) Netherlands e) Canada
2. The first Olympics with curling as an official sport was
 - a) 1924 b) 1932 c) 1992 d) 1994 e) 1998

3. Is it possible for a curling team to concede the match before the 10th end?
 - a) Yes b) No c) Only for injury reasons
4. Which country has won the most world curling championships (men and women combined)?
 - a) Scotland b) Sweden c) Canada d) The United States e) Great Britain
5. Curling is the national sport of which of these countries.
 - a) Canada b) Scotland c) Great Britain d) Sweden e) None of the above
6. As of 2006 what is the official name for the Canadian Women's Championships in Canada?
 - a) The Tim Horton's Brier b) The Scott Tournament of Hearts
 - c) Scotties Tournament of Hearts d) The Nokia Brier
7. The 2007 Tim Horton's Brier was held in Hamilton Ontario
 - a) Yes b) No
8. When was the game of curling first written in reference to a contest using stones on ice coming from the records of Paisley Abbey?
 - a) 1533 b) 1541 c) 1552 d) 1565
9. Where is the home to the international governing body for curling located?
 - a) Canada b) Sweden c) Switzerland d) Scotland
10. How long is the curling sheet?
 - a) 100-feet b) 125-feet c) 132-feet d) 146-feet
11. What is the maximum weight of a curling stone?
 - a) 28-pounds b) 33-pounds c) 41-pounds d) 44-pounds
12. What is the purpose of sweeping?
 - a) To make the ice clean b) To make the ice more smooth
 - c) To mark territory d) To melt the ice
13. What is the name of a curling tournament?
 - a) Match b) Meet c) Bonspiel d) Bansheel
14. What year did curling debut at the Olympics?
 - a) 1998 (Nagano) b) 1964 (Innsbruck) c) 1984 (Sarajevo) d) 1976 (Innsbruck)
15. The playing surface or "curling sheet" is a block of ice that is how many feet wide?
 - a) 5 b) 10 c) 15 d) 20

(answers on the last page of the newsletter)

Many Hands Make Light Work!



Tammy Hartmann and Donna Harrison take on Kitchen clean up



Oscar De Leo cleans up the grounds.



Manon Staiger paints and refreshes the bar area upstairs.

Dave Barratt painting trim to add to the 'new look' in preparation for the 40th Anniversary celebration.



A Two Minute Video on Curling

https://youtu.be/WXHh_wadqPw

Answers

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c) 15

If you scored a perfect 15/15—congratulations! You are a curling NERD!

10-12/15 — You definitely know your stuff, BUT, keep studying.

Less than 15 — Congratulations! You have a life!



Do you like to write? Do you have a story or memory about the Club that others might enjoy reading? Please take a few minutes to jot it down (with a photo if you have one!) and send to Tammy Hartmann at tammyhartmann8385@gmail.com so we can include it in one of our newsletters.